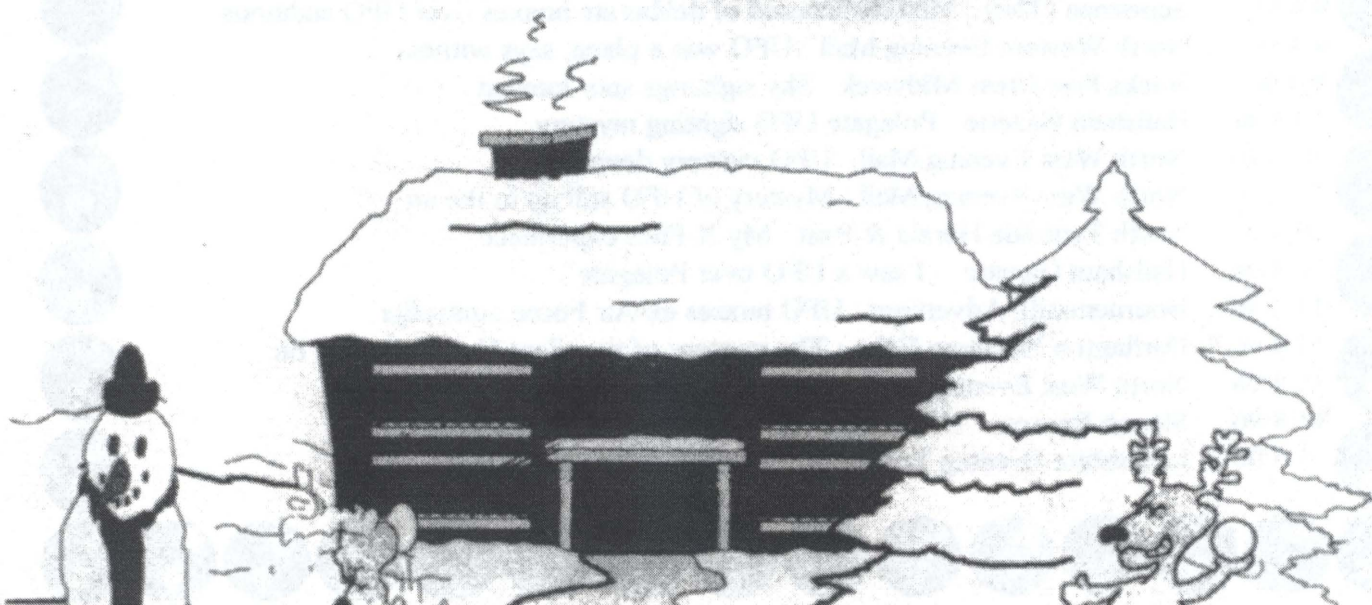
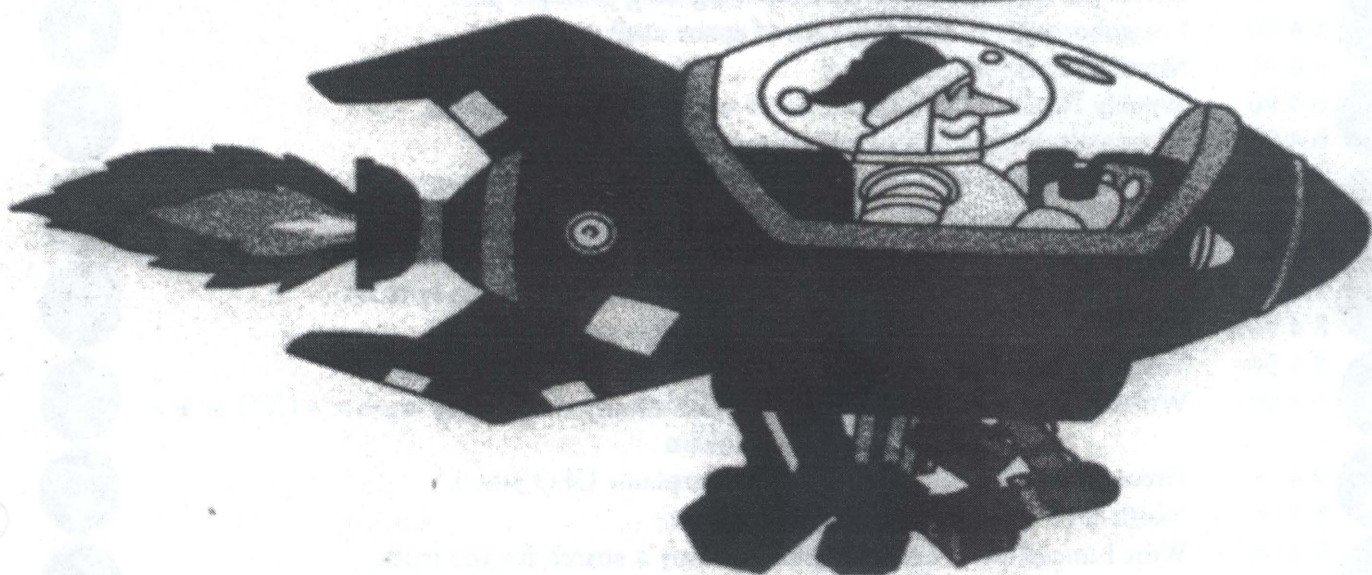


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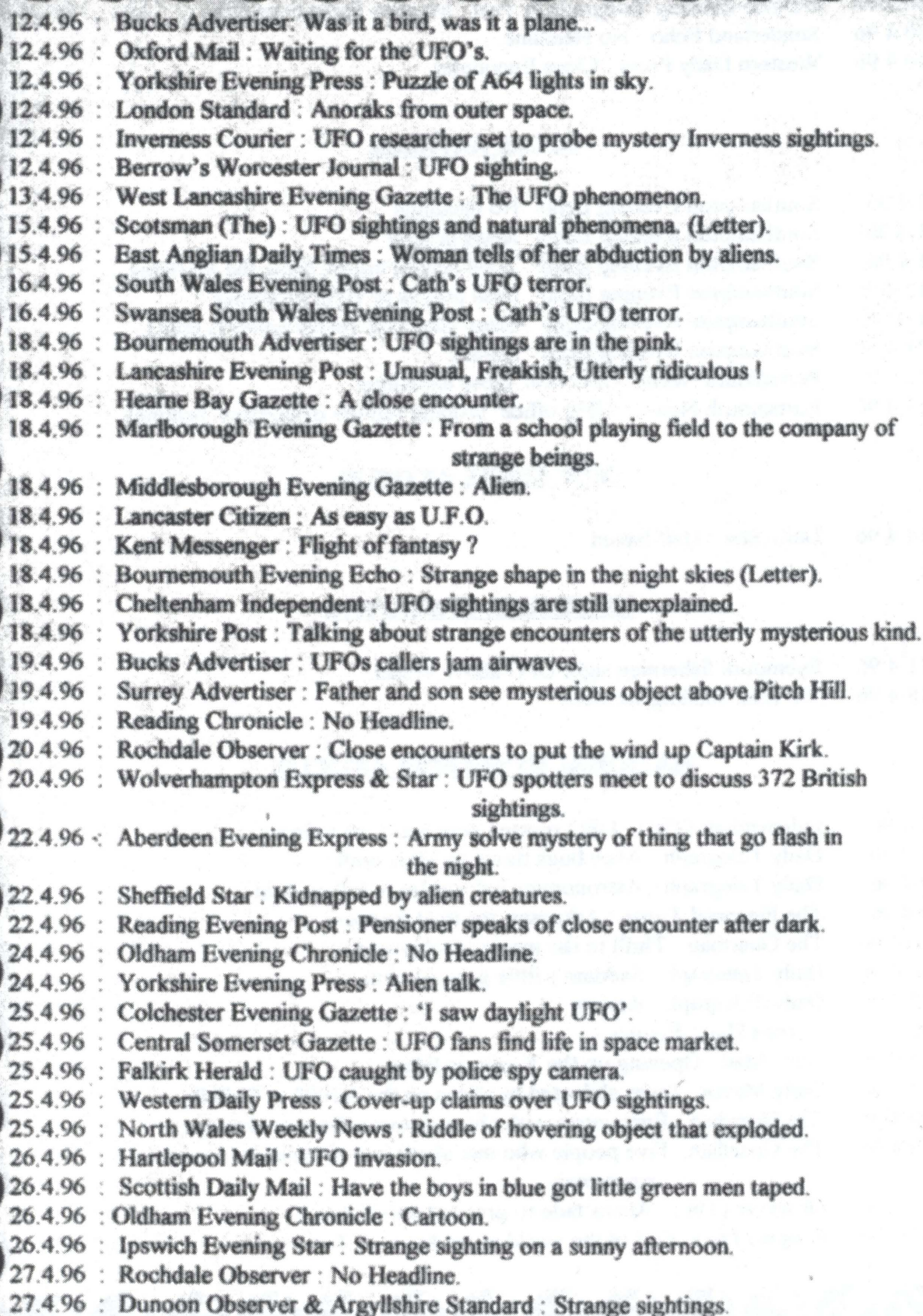
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WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN APRIL 1996.

(An awful lot if you ask me.... Ed !!!)

- 1.4.96 : Scottish Sun : I met alien 'NUN' in 50's.
- 1.4.96 : The Standard : UFO zooms in for oil check.
- 2.4.96 : Liverpool Daily Post : Desert UFO.
- 2.4.96 : Newcastle Upon Tyne Journal : No Headline.
- 3.4.96 : Burton Trader : The truth is out there...
- 3.4.96 : Hartlepool Mail : Science fiction.. or science fact ?
- 3.4.96 : Eastern Evening News : Experts probe possible UFO link.
- 4.4.96 : Heartland Evening News : No Headline.
- 4.4.96 : Wigan Reporter : UFO Update.
- 4.4.96 : Nuneaton Evening News : Experts baffled by UFOs.
- 4.4.96 : Kent Messenger : Kent's X-Files.
- 4.4.96 : Middleton & North Manchester Guardian : Aliens 2? The latest.
- 4.4.96 : Heywood Advertiser : No Headline.
- 5.4.96 : Berrow's Worcester Journal : UFO sighting prompts plea.
- 5.4.96 : Loughborough Echo : Sighting of space craft revealed.
- 6.4.96 : Morning Star : No Headline.
- 6.4.96 : Weekly News : Ex-cop claimed he was kidnapped by aliens.
- 6.4.96 : Newcastle Journal : The truth is out there somewhere.
- 7.4.96 : Belfast Sunday Life : Shock UFO sightings in bandit country.
- 7.4.96 : Gateshead Herald : My X-Files experience.
- 7.4.96 : Carlisle Sunday News & Star : The truth is out there ... in Cumbria !
- 8.4.96 : Irish News (Belfast) : UFOs in the north bordering on the horrific.
- 8.4.96 : Wigan Evening Post : Stargazers seek close encounter.
- 8.4.96 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : 'Grey' day gets down to earth.
- 9.4.96 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : Robot theory on forestry worker's UFO attack claim.
- 9.4.96 : Greenock Telegraph : Robot theory 'explains UFO attack'.
- 9.4.96 : North West Evening Mail : No Headline.
- 9.4.96 : West Lancashire Evening Gazette : Jenny's search for the truth.
- 9.4.96 : Scotsman (The) : Military accused of deliberate hoaxes over UFO sightings.
- 9.4.96 : North Western Evening Mail : UFO was a plane, says witness.
- 9.4.96 : Bucks Free Press Midweek : Sky sightings spur interest.
- 10.4.96 : Hailsham Gazette : Polegate UFO sighting mystery.
- 10.4.96 : North West Evening Mail : UFO mystery deepens.
- 10.4.96 : North West Evening Mail : Mystery of UFO still up in the air.
- 10.4.96 : North Tyneside Herald & Post : My X-Files experience.
- 10.4.96 : Hailsham Gazette : 'I saw a UFO over Polegate'.
- 11.4.96 : Bournemouth Advertiser : UFO buzzes ex-Air Force controller.
- 11.4.96 : Darlington Northern Echo : The mystery of the silent Vulcan hovers on.
- 11.4.96 : North West Evening Mail : Weather center clouds UFO issue.
- 11.4.96 : Slough Express : UFO-crazy Joe is anything but paranormal....
- 11.4.96 : Lancashire Evening Telegraph : These X-Files are for real.

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- 12.4.96 : Bucks Advertiser: Was it a bird, was it a plane...
 - 12.4.96 : Oxford Mail : Waiting for the UFO's.
 - 12.4.96 : Yorkshire Evening Press : Puzzle of A64 lights in sky.
 - 12.4.96 : London Standard : Anoraks from outer space.
 - 12.4.96 : Inverness Courier : UFO researcher set to probe mystery Inverness sightings.
 - 12.4.96 : Berrow's Worcester Journal : UFO sighting.
 - 13.4.96 : West Lancashire Evening Gazette : The UFO phenomenon.
 - 15.4.96 : Scotsman (The) : UFO sightings and natural phenomena. (Letter).
 - 15.4.96 : East Anglian Daily Times : Woman tells of her abduction by aliens.
 - 16.4.96 : South Wales Evening Post : Cath's UFO terror.
 - 16.4.96 : Swansea South Wales Evening Post : Cath's UFO terror.
 - 18.4.96 : Bournemouth Advertiser : UFO sightings are in the pink.
 - 18.4.96 : Lancashire Evening Post : Unusual, Freakish, Utterly ridiculous !
 - 18.4.96 : Hearne Bay Gazette : A close encounter.
 - 18.4.96 : Marlborough Evening Gazette : From a school playing field to the company of strange beings.
 - 18.4.96 : Middlesborough Evening Gazette : Alien.
 - 18.4.96 : Lancaster Citizen : As easy as U.F.O.
 - 18.4.96 : Kent Messenger : Flight of fantasy ?
 - 18.4.96 : Bournemouth Evening Echo : Strange shape in the night skies (Letter).
 - 18.4.96 : Cheltenham Independent : UFO sightings are still unexplained.
 - 18.4.96 : Yorkshire Post : Talking about strange encounters of the utterly mysterious kind.
 - 19.4.96 : Bucks Advertiser : UFOs callers jam airwaves.
 - 19.4.96 : Surrey Advertiser : Father and son see mysterious object above Pitch Hill.
 - 19.4.96 : Reading Chronicle : No Headline.
 - 20.4.96 : Rochdale Observer : Close encounters to put the wind up Captain Kirk.
 - 20.4.96 : Wolverhampton Express & Star : UFO spotters meet to discuss 372 British sightings.
 - 22.4.96 : Aberdeen Evening Express : Army solve mystery of thing that go flash in the night.
 - 22.4.96 : Sheffield Star : Kidnapped by alien creatures.
 - 22.4.96 : Reading Evening Post : Pensioner speaks of close encounter after dark.
 - 24.4.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : No Headline.
 - 24.4.96 : Yorkshire Evening Press : Alien talk.
 - 25.4.96 : Colchester Evening Gazette : 'I saw daylight UFO'.
 - 25.4.96 : Central Somerset Gazette : UFO fans find life in space market.
 - 25.4.96 : Falkirk Herald : UFO caught by police spy camera.
 - 25.4.96 : Western Daily Press : Cover-up claims over UFO sightings.
 - 25.4.96 : North Wales Weekly News : Riddle of hovering object that exploded.
 - 26.4.96 : Hartlepool Mail : UFO invasion.
 - 26.4.96 : Scottish Daily Mail : Have the boys in blue got little green men taped.
 - 26.4.96 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : Cartoon.
 - 26.4.96 : Ipswich Evening Star : Strange sighting on a sunny afternoon.
 - 27.4.96 : Rochdale Observer : No Headline.
 - 27.4.96 : Dunoon Observer & Argyllshire Standard : Strange sightings.

- 27.4.96 : Stoke on Trent Evening Sentinel : UFO watchers aim for closer encounters.
- 27.4.96 : Eastern Daily Press : Read guard, UFOs and cruelty of war.
- 30.4.96 : Dundee Evening Telegraph & Post : Mystery lights over Fife.
- 30.4.96 : Sunderland Echo : No Headline.
- 30.4.96 : Western Daily Press : Close Encounter.

LOCAL ARTICLES.

- 2.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : No Headline.
- 3.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : News in brief.
- 5.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Total eclipse brings home the Martians.
- 11.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : fresh probes of UFO mysteries.
- 11.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Share your UFO experiences (Letter).
- 21.4.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : Britain.
- 22.4.96 : Portsmouth News : UFO fans' close encounter.
- 24.4.96 : Portsmouth News : 'UFO office' probing reports of mystery sightings.

CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES.

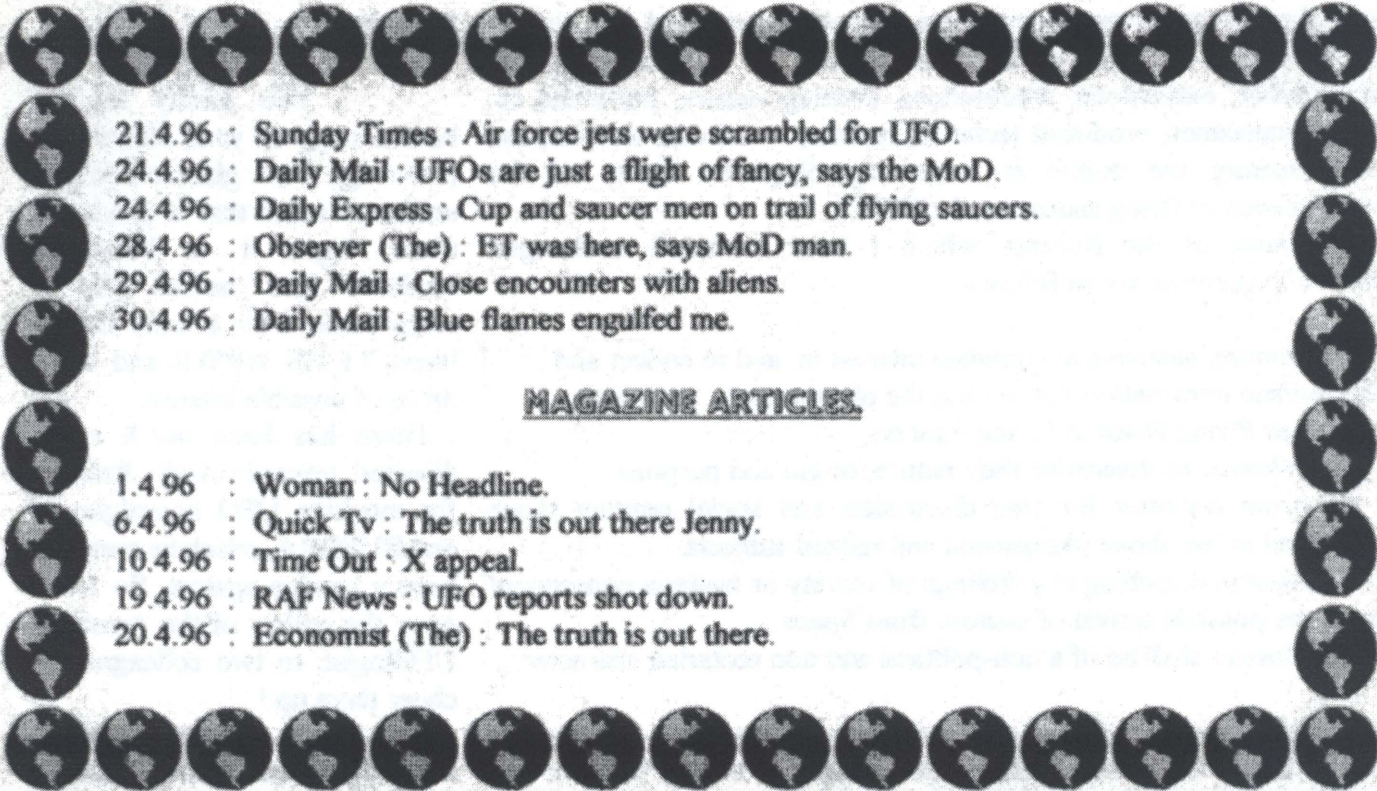
- 14.4.96 : Daily Star : Half-baked.

NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

- 11.4.96 : Eyemouth fishermen sight UFO above vessel.
- 18.4.96 : The West Malling Incident..

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

- 2.4.96 : Independent (The) : UFO spotted near Saudi oil refinery.
- 4.4.96 : Daily Telegraph : Alien bugs threat to Mars craft.
- 9.4.96 : Daily Telegraph : Astronomers will not leave ET on hold.
- 9.4.96 : The Financial Times : Arkansas, the final frontier.
- 10.4.96 : The Guardian : Thrill to the magic of television.
- 10.4.96 : Daily Telegraph : Saddam's little green friends.
- 12.4.96 : Daily Telegraph : Review.
- 12.4.96 : Times (The) : Review.
- 12.4.96 : Daily Mail : Opening up the X-centric Files.
- 13.4.96 : Daily Mirror : I was abducted by aliens on the A1092 in Suffolk.
- 20.4.96 : The Guardian : Encounters with aliens attract sellout conference.
- 20.4.96 : The Guardian : Five people who met aliens and returned to describe experience.
- 21.4.96 : Observer (The) : Aliens fade to grey in United strip.
- 21.4.96 : People (The) : End of the world as we know it, Tim.

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- 21.4.96 : Sunday Times : Air force jets were scrambled for UFO.
 - 24.4.96 : Daily Mail : UFOs are just a flight of fancy, says the MoD.
 - 24.4.96 : Daily Express : Cup and saucer men on trail of flying saucers.
 - 28.4.96 : Observer (The) : ET was here, says MoD man.
 - 29.4.96 : Daily Mail : Close encounters with aliens.
 - 30.4.96 : Daily Mail : Blue flames engulfed me.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

- 1.4.96 : Woman : No Headline.
- 6.4.96 : Quick Tv : The truth is out there Jenny.
- 10.4.96 : Time Out : X appeal.
- 19.4.96 : RAF News : UFO reports shot down.
- 20.4.96 : Economist (The) : The truth is out there.

The Origin of the British Flying Saucer Bureau.

Present public interest in flying saucers and unidentified flying objects date from 1947 when Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho businessman reported seeing a flight of nine objects in the Cascade Mountains.

For some years the subject provided sensational material for the popular press and at the same time was the subject of many official investigations by the United States Airforce. These investigations were partly cloaked by "security" and it was widely held in the United States that their findings were biased and far from complete. Consequently, in 1952, an American of Bridgeport, Connecticut, named Albert K. Bender formed the International Flying Saucer Bureau as a civilian organization to conduct a public investigation,

of Bristol, England, whose cousin had disappeared mysteriously involving UFO's whilst flying over South America in 1947, a branch was formed in Great Britain in 1952.

When Dennis Plunkett left for his National Service with the Royal Air Force, his father, Captain E. L. Plunkett, stepped into the breach and built up the organization in the face of continued skepticism and often ridicule : initially as secretary, and later as President, being involved for 40 years until his death in 1992. In 1953 however, mysterious events in the United States, involving MIB's (men in black) caused Albert Bender to disband his organization, which then consisted of over 600 persons.

The opinion of members in Great Britain was unanimously in favor of continuing, and after

was formed in 1953, to further the activities of the former British branch of the IFSB. This it did, on a larger and more ambitious scale, due largely to the efforts of Captain Plunkett, Graham Knewstubb, Harold Cobley, Clifford Taylor and others, which produced a peak membership of some 1500 throughout the world. During this period the BFSB and the Flying Saucer Club (FSC) founded by Richard Hughes amalgamated and continued to publish the "Flying Saucer News" which although a great success, was overshadowed somewhat by the internationally known "Flying Saucer Review" published by Derek Dempster in 1955. In 1956 the FSN and FSR merged under Brinsley Le Poer Trench (Lord Clancarthy) which boosted the readership of FSR. Later in 1959 the BFSB supplied membership lists to the newly

began life as the London UFO Research Organization (LUFORO).

Since the achievements of those early days the BFSB has held annual programs of regular meetings, correspondence and liaison with other FS / UFO groups (both national and international), held skywatches, exhibitions, conferences, evening classes, published in-house magazines, produced technical reports, all with the purpose of educating the public at large regarding the reality of the phenomenon of flying saucers and UFO's.

The aims of the Bureau, which I have remained unchanged since it's inception are as follows :

To promise, sustain and stimulate interest in, and to collect and disseminate information concerning the phenomena commonly known as Flying Discs or Flying Saucers.

To endeavor to determine their nature, origin and purpose.

To bring together for free discussion and social contact those interested in the above phenomena and related subjects.

To assist in dispelling any feelings of anxiety or hysteria consequent upon the possible arrival of visitors from Space.

The Bureau shall be of a non-political and non sectarian character.

The conclusion, as we approach the Millennium, the Bureau continues to seek a solution to the mystery of Flying Saucers and UFO's and their relationship to our world in the knowledge that over the last 50 years, due to the out of this world technology demonstrated by UFO's there is a growing awareness that we are not alone in the Cosmos.

Denis P Plunkett.
Founder Chairman BFSB 1997.

Letter to the Editor....

Dear Steve

You kindly let me have a copy of your Newsletter (Jul-Aug). I am glad to see that unlike so much that is produced these days, it is balanced, readable and newsy. So I reciprocate with a copy of the latest TEMS NEWS and misc. items of possible interest.

There has been much anger directed towards Andy Roberts for mocking UFO investigators, and BUFORA, which he seems to have a grudge against. So I will copy the review of the Armchair UFOlogist, to two colleagues to cheer them up !

You kindly offered to mail on of my book lists with an issue of SUFOG Newsletter. Knowing my luck I have probably just missed a mail-out ! Anyway I enclose a selection of three, so perhaps you could let me know which one would be the most suitable.

Best Wishes : Lionel Beer.

SUFOG Group News and Events.

Group meeting dates for 1998.....

Sunday 11th January 1998... 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Sunday 8th March 1998... 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Including invited speaker)
Sunday 17th May 1998... 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Sunday 26th July 1998.... 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Sunday 13th September 1998... 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Sunday 8th November 1998... 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.

(The speaker on the 8th March is to be Mr. Matthew Williams, a UFO investigator based in Wales and an expert on the government and secret underground facilities)

A lecture not to be missed .. so make a date with SUFOG !!!!

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Malcolm Robinson

**Television and
Radio Reviews by
Steve Gerrard From
15th October - 15th
December 1997.**

20th October : Live Tv : This concerned UFO film footage and an interview with Roy Lake of the London UFO Studies group. The footage was not that clear as the objects, filmed over Bow in London in Sept 1997, were too far away from the camera and appeared as white dots in the sky.

21st October : Sky One : UFO's - Best evidence ever caught on tape.... Well, I must admit I thought that we were in for a treat, but unfortunately, the footage shown, was dubious to say the least. A number of clips could, be identified as far as I was concerned, but, saying this, there was footage that was unexplainable. An interesting piece, a good one for budding UFOlogists to take a look at...

27th October : EarthScan : This looked at large, alien puppets being used to put on plays etc. An interesting item, but lasted for only a few minutes.

11th November : EarthScan : A very short interview (less than one minute) with Derrel Sims about alien implants... Not worth the TV airing I feel just to the length of the item.

11th November : Mysteries (ITV) : I caught this item by chance and managed to record 95% of the program. The item concerned itself with the deadly encounter of Frederick Valenich over the Base Straight in Australia. The program concluded that he either crashed the airplane, because he became disorientated and was flying upside down (But where was the

wreckage... !!!), or, he committed suicide by crashing the plane (again. Where is the wreckage... !!!). So, why did he 'disappear', was he abducted by alien life forms, or did he just want to 'disappear'.... We will never know.. or will we?

13th November : The Why Files : This looked at two close encounters of the third kind cases. An interesting item.

27th November : Ricki Lake Show (American chat show) : What a load of American dribble... This featured a teenager who claimed alien abduction and a 'blond bimbo' claiming she was an alien born on another planet. This was total dross as programs go and one certainly to be missed. If I was asked to give a figure out of 10, then -10 out of 10 would come close.

1st December : EarthScan : This featured Marcus Allen (Nexus Magazine) being interviewed at the BUFOA conference in 1997. Marcus spoke about the deaths of prominent people such as Martin Luther King and the Kennedys. If you are into the area of conspiracies etc, then you will find this 4 minute segment of some interest.

1st December : Sightings Abduction Special : This was a fantastic program lasting for nearly 2 hrs. It featured abductees, the Alagash abduction case, and researchers including Budd Hopkins, John Mack and many more. There were the skeptics who put their case, which were based on the brain and how it could 'invent' abductions. If you were to ask me for a figure out of 10, then 12 out of 10 if it was possible and 90 minutes of very enjoyable television viewing.

1st December : EarthScan : This concerned a UFO sighting in Gothenburg, Sweden in in April 1983. An interesting item and one to add to add to collection.

2nd December : Chariots of the Gods : This is by the author Eric Von Daniken and looks at the ancient astronauts. What ever you think of Von Daniken, a fake or genius, this is well worth looking at. A very interesting this, and one to be shown at a future meeting.

WHEN PILOTS SEE UFO'S.....



In the last edition of the newsletter, I looked at sightings by police officers and sightings dating back to the 1960's. If we cannot accept police officers as reliable witnesses, how do we accept the reliability of sightings reported by pilots. Like police officers, pilots go through a rigorous period of training over a long period of time. So, if a pilot reports seeing/encountering an unknown object, why do we seem to discount the sighting(s) so quickly as mirages, reflections etc etc...

The 1940's saw a number of aircraft encounters with such famous encounters as Kenneth Arnold on 24.6.47 and the tragic case of Thomas Mantel killed whilst chasing an alleged UFO.

The 26th May 1995 edition of the Times carried the following story:

'Flying Cigar' seen from

on landing at London airport yesterday that they saw a long cigar-like object without wings while flying between Epsom and Dunsford on their way to London. The radio officer of the aircraft, J.O.A.O. Almeida said that he saw the object from the flight deck. 'It was traveling at a terrific speed', he said. 'It was long and slim and seemed to be revolving as it flashed under the nose of the aircraft'.

The flight engineer, Jose Erika said, 'The object seemed to approach from the port side and pass right under the nose. To me, it looked like a silver cigar. There was no smoke-trail coming from it'.

An air ministry spokesman said, 'We shall be getting a full report of this and it will be investigated. Until then, I cannot suggest any explanation'.

So, here we have a commercial pilot reporting a 'UFO', so what about military pilots in the 1950's.

'A Danish fighter has reported seeing a formation of flying saucers. They were also sighted on the radar screen of the Danish Air Force Station at Skrydstrup, Jutland.

After sighting them the fighter pilot tried to overtake them, but they accelerated and disappeared. The station commander appealed to the public to report any mysterious flying objects'.

Well, not only did we have a military pilot reporting the UFO's, but ground radar as well.

In the Daily Mirror, dated the 28th August 1966, pilots were even chasing 'Dragon's' in the sky..... 'Two American Air Force jets chased a mystery dragon shaped object across the sky last night - but it got away before it could be identified.

The jets were sent up from Ramstein air base in West Germany after hundreds of

The object was said to be air refueling exercises carried out by inch across". One instructor forty yards wide, flying at American planes. managed to fly within a few 75,000 ft, and giving off a A U.S. Air Force spokesman said feet and it appeared to be rotating brilliant silvery glare. their giant tanker aircraft, which and in two halves "with a split, like a joining line" in the middle. It also had two 'aerials' on the top of it...

One private astronomer refuel several planes at the same time, were equipped with powerful lights for night operations. The fuel pipes illuminated by This report leaves me wondering reported that it hung for several hours in one position and changed shape periodically'. The lights would form a fiery cross if in fact it was a more earthly 'controlled' object than ET

So, pilots chasing flying dragons, didn't they know there is no such thing... !!!

The following article, that appeared in the Sun newspaper dated 28th October 1967, and is an interesting 'Hampshire' Sighting ...

RAF Jets 'Chase Mushroom in sky'

A 13 year- old -boy claimed yesterday that he saw two RAF lightning jet fighters chasing a mushroom - shaped object across the sky.

The object, which appeared to be out-pacing the 1,500 mph Lightning's, disappeared into cloud over Winchester, Hants.

Timothy Robinson, of Pitt Corner, Winchester, who told of the chase, said : "The object had no lights or exhaust."

The Ministry of Defense denied that any Lightning's were in the Winchester area yesterday.

But Timothy said last night : "The planes I saw were Lightning's. I checked them with a reference book".

Unexplained

This latest report in the great Unidentified Flying Object mystery came as the Ministry of Defense were giving an explanation for previous "fiery cross" sightings.

The Ministry and the U.S. Air Force said the "fiery crosses" seen on Thursday night in the West Country were "definitely" mid-

He added that no tests were scheduled for last night.

Sightings.

Despite the Defense Ministry's explanation of Thursday's sightings, they have not been able to explain other mysterious flying objects seen in many parts of Britain this week. Yesterday's sightings included a "cross-shaped" object seen by several policemen at Stalybridge, Cheshire : a "cigar-shaped object with portholes" seen by three policemen at Bacup, Lancs : and another cigar- shaped object seen by a bus driver at Saltdean, Sussex.

And at Anglesey, North Wales, Farmer Owen Huws and his family were awakened by a noise "like a B.B.C time signal only a hundred times louder"...

One thing I find strange about the explanation to the flying -cross sightings is what do these aircraft do if they are at war, do they turn all these lights on just to give the enemy a chance to shoot them down....Would you turn all these lights on in a war zone ? A pretty dangerous stunt if you ask me.... I personally do not believe this 'explanation'... do you !!

Another pilot encounter reported in the Daily Telegraph on 31st August 1979, reported that 2 flying instructors saw a 9 inch UFO near Blackbush airport, Hampshire that looked like a flattened blob of mercury with "little hexagonal panels about an

In 1978, another pilot mysteriously 'disappeared' during an alleged UFO encounter... In the 24th October 1978 edition of the Daily Express ran the following ' Melbourne : A young pilot who claimed his aircraft was being "buzzed" by a U.F.O has vanished.

Fred Valentich, 20, was on his way from Melbourne to King Island when he reported a mystery aircraft near him.

He told air traffic controllers the U.F.O was hovering above his light plane and playing "some sort of game".

"It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside," said Valentich.

"It's not an aircraft, it's...." then radio contact was broken.

A minute later Valentich said : "It's flying past. It's a long shape. It's coming for me right now".

Valentich made radio contact once more before reporting his engine was coughing.

King Islanders revealed yesterday that there have been many sightings of strange lights in the past six weeks.

Now police are searching the sea and the island for aircraft wreckage....

To date, the plane has never been found. Valentich, has never been found. Many questions remain unanswered, and the

biggest one to date... Where is Valentich.... ?

In the 1980's a case that hit the headlines was reported in the 5th January 1987 edition of the Daily Telegraph....

Unidentified flying objects over Alaska are being investigated by the federal Aviation Administration in Washington.

The crew of a Japanese Air Lines Boeing 747 cargo plane reported seeing mysterious lights after an unexplained blip appeared on radar screens.

Initially the incident, on November 17, was dismissed by Air Force officials who picked up the blip at Elmendorf, Alaska, as "random clutter" on the computer. But FAA investigators have now interviewed the pilot, Capt. Kenju Terauchi, and are investigating a "violation of airspace".

So, we now have civilian pilots, commercial pilots, military pilots and flying instructors seeing UFO's... The 1980's - 1990's saw more reports, but this time the majority involved passenger jets and near disasters.... Do we need any more proof.... ? Here's just a few more.... The Sun newspaper (23.3.89), The Sunday Express (26.3.89) and the Guardian (29.3.89) all carried the following story

'A jet carrying 140 terrified passengers plunged thousands of feet after a close encounter with a UFO.

The British Island Airways Tristar, which had been cruising at 30,000ft, was sent hurtling

downwards as a mysterious holiday industry 'freebie' hit their heads against the ceiling and stewardesses toppled over in the gangways.

Passenger Susie Walton, 25, said : "I looked out the window and saw what looked like a bright, glistening, multicolored cloud that left a trail of smoke behind it.

"Then all of a sudden we plunged and it disappeared from the night sky.

"I thought it was the end. It was terrifying.

Packed.

"Some passengers started praying and I grabbed hold of the man next to me. I was sure we were going to crash".

But within seconds Captain Bob Taylor had regained control of the inaugural return flight from Malta to Gatwick airport.

The veteran pilot first spotted the strange object as the jet flew high above the Mediterranean isle of Sardinia.

At first he thought it was another plane - but ruled that out because it was traveling too fast.

He said afterwards : "I've never seen anything like it.

"We will probably never know what it was - but it certainly wasn't a plane".

The flight was packed with travel agents and journalists checking out the new destination.

Last night a British Island Airways spokesman played down the drama.

"We saw some bright lights in the sky, then we experienced some turbulence. It has been blown out of all proportion," he said.....

A near disaster seems to of been averted in this incident, but

reported

'Soviet fighter planes shot down a UFO but secret police hid the incident, it was claimed yesterday.

Scientists attending a conference on UFOs in Munich said parts of the craft were recovered after it was shot down over the Caucasus mountains in March, 1983.

They said a recently-leaked picture of the wreckage proved the KGB was hiding something 'sensational'.

The 1990's saw further encounters. The Sun newspaper of 28th April 1992 reported on a flight, that last Summer encountered a UFO on approach to Gatwick airport. The black lozenge- shape, flashed past the British Airways Boeing 737, some 100 yds away. The object again was pinpointed by radar on their screens. The incident was reported as a near miss. To round up, in 1997 encounters are still on-going. The Independent of the 12th June reported

'A passenger jet had a close encounter of the unknown kind at 9,000ft over Hertfordshire, an official report revealed yesterday.

Both pilots of the Stanstead airport-bound BAe 146 - believed to have been flown by Irish carrier Aer Lingus - reported seeing a red, blue and white striped aircraft pass close by on 7 June last year. But after extensive inquiries, an aircraft proximity team were unable to find any trace of another plane being in the area. The group said in a report that the incident "could only be assessed as confliction between the BAe 146 and an unknown object".

Is our air space being invaded

SKYLINK heads the list this issue.. no particular reason why, it's a good, well printed magazine with our old friend Roy Lake at the helm.. he's looking for readers comments this time ! Brave feller ! "Pyramid power", healing, is the subject of Terry Le Riche Walters article, nice one from Maria Ward who advises from actual abduction experiences... we hear ya, Maria ! Agree ! Good "Sightings" section, one two hours duration ! Robert LaMont's continuing Mexican visit saga... Darryl Smith's excellent and disturbing views on MJ12 and The Web of Intrigue, with his theory that, would you believe, noted UFO author Tim Good might be working for the "other lot" ! Paranoia reigns ? Mind Control, implants, the "normal" current situations ! try as I did, couldn't find any subscription details so look up previous mags or try Roy Lake at 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 9RX.

NORTHERN UFO NEWS or NUFON's magazine by Editor Jenny Randles, as always smartly produced. Tiny print means a glass or glasses for some, but no complaints ! The Lady niggles at Orbis publications for "repeat" versions of "The Unexplained", repeat fees, (or lack of !) Larry Warren's "Left at East Gate" reviewed. 'Undoubtedly possible', and 'complex' are just two comments by Jenny, very true. Ongoing "connections" my end with the events... do YOU realize HOW "awesome" the enigma is ?... Then there's that UFO **CONCERN REPORT**, Jenny's opinion being akin to mine,

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

especially with that "selected Circulation" report whose Paul Inglesby asks me 'surely you can spare a fiver' ? NO ! Although Gordon Brown's pensioners income support boost of £50 might make me generous ! Not SURE, Paul, that 'alien threat' is a good description ! Speaking, warily, from experiences ! Good sighting reports and investigations in the NUFON mag. No price or usual address this time, either !

MALTA UFO RESEARCH magazine... September !... Foo Fighters WW2... Mars pathfinder update... September 1997 UFO over New York report.. and that's it ! Try Malta UFO Research, PO Box 14, Rabat RBT 01, Malta.

CIRCULAR FORUM, Autumn issue, nicely printed black on white, artistic front cover ! Sensible "Mission Statement" inside. Skywatch Report.. 'the rain came and we all went home' ! sums it all up, eh ? 'Changing opinions' right too. A Victorian sighting. Darrel Dobbs does it again with urgent NEED to change in order to be "accepted" in that "final frontier". Clever and original cartoon ! No Price or print dates. But the Flat, Sheldon, battledown

Approach, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 6RA should be OK.

UFOMEK.. the UFO Monitors East Kent, issue 20, spoils us with a duplicated (two !) cover that leads to World News (that GCHQ expose again... Robin Cole making useful waves but careful, lad !). Those MoD "replies" again, no longer rare collectors items ! I will say again, they KNOW what they are, so are 'no defense significance', nothing anyone can do !... didn't like that heading "What Are Going On ?" or is this newspeak ? Alan Tickhill's ideas that its all due to brain and memory problems explains it ! How about those scars, alien technology, fetuses in "aquariums" !... differing "EBE's"... Chris Rolfe's "Star Wars" article still theorizing on that Flight 800 crash.. my papers say nothing sinister after months of examinations. Mexican contactee Carlos Diaz interviewed by UFOMEK, very interesting. Those "fairies" again, Alan Tickhill again, too ! Two and Two DOES make five, Alan, in the paranormal world ! Video and book reviews. Reg Presley's "Water" theories and UFO's. Bentwaters... mysterious "new facts" re. Charles Halt.. hold your breath, watch UFOMEK ! No price on THIS either.. try Jerry Anderson, "Ivydene", Wingham Well Road, Bramling, Canterbury, Kent. CT3 1NN.

INTELLIGENCE just HAS to be Eric Morris's increasingly healthy "baby".. no one sleeps while Eric is about ! B.U.S.O.S.C's quarterly mag. LOVE Eric's editorial and he ought to have a logo printed

with with his slogan 'If the Magazine was perfect what would be the point of doing it?' Issue too late to catch the Lancashire Conference advertised but looked a gem all the way. Novel Men in Black Conference with the film at Stockport cinema arranged by BUFOSC. While Anglia Tv had BUFOSC an PHUFON and LOVED Eric's description of a "skeptic" (no doubt "planted") who he described as a "pillock"! Sounds right! Mantles "Alien Autopsy" lecture at Stockport. Two organizations to lobby Government on UFO Secrecy. Pages of book reviews by Malcolm Robinson who gets around! Much more! No Price.. what is wrong? but new address so try 78 Greenall Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5RN. PS: Change those headings, Eric.. they are squiggly unreadables!

UFO REALITY from Glastonbury.. shock horror etc it may well be the last issue you can buy in the shops... but subscriptions OK! A small fish in a shark infested pool says Editor Jon King! Hmm! Good glossy thick magazine.. 72 articles!.. box of books produced a 50 page manual citing 14 types of UFO's in the fifties and much more from a street cart in Wimbledon! Shades of Bob Dean's "Assessment" story? "Coincidence"? "Control"? "Hoax"? 200 foot UFO seen at Area 51? UK Sightings. Crop Circles in India... good article by Malcolm Robinson, and Wendelle Stevens, see that 1994 "Adamski" type scoutship

author Nick Redfern.. Kevin Ollier RIGHT when he says 'more to crop circles than Doug and Dave' in good article.. 'humanity's wake-up call' Kevin calls it!... Jim Kileen's personal encounter engrossingly true.. Readers Forum brings out excellent views.... Readers Letters too. Subscribe to UFO Reality, PO Box 1998M, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 8YB.. £2.85 bi-monthly.

SKYWATCHERS is the bi-monthly magazine from the Cornwall UFO Research group (i.e.: CUFORG).. now "expanded" into 'any strange phenomena' for investigation. 24 pages, so not bad coverage of the scene.. strange murder in Puerto Rico.. daylight new footage of classic UFO from Mexico City... west Country sightings.. US Radio's Art Bell brings intriguing info. to his listeners... mark July 20th 1998 on your calendar!... CUFORG's Alan Fry spoke at a meeting on how to change things for the better, totally! Stop sending out negativity, fear, anger, etc.. not easy! Imagine standing in front of Saddam Hussein with a loaded gun and NOT pulling the trigger 'cos you have to LOVE HIM! Joking? Subs for this good mag. £12 per year or £2.00 single copy, to Head Office, 24 Carrine Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

THE CALLER - Jersey's UFO Research Team's magazine, nice cover, nicely printed with glossy colored photo within.. only thin, well, 14 pages, but interesting and no doubt suits the area. Skywatches seemed

Pope's "The Uninvited"... which I haven't seen as yet!.. was fair comment, and much the same as my opinion of "Popey" being a good "front man" for whatever reason and whoever planned it! Don't know whether Nick HAS got a 'great deal financially' from his books suggested here but that may not be the intention! Well written intro. to our own Southampton Group by Steve Gerrard in the mag. Interesting "Letters to the editor"... ONE in this case, no name attached. But sums up the "tribal" aspects of our "civilization" for want of better description! Religion in particular! "JERSEY UNKNOWNNS" files has interesting facts and sketches from the 1970's. Bi-monthly mag. from 14 John Le Quesne Close, St Clements, Jersey. JE2 6NJ.. and being an "in house" production apparently not available on subscription. But "swaps" possible, I think!

SOUTHEND UFO GROUP, subtitled the S Files!.. interesting cover... those Mayan pyramids with UFO's rampant.. inside, coverage of the 1997 Convention which our editor etc Steve appeared at with apparent success! An American crop circle article, video taken, and oddly (?) the symbol of the CSETI organization! Latest alleged info. on Area 51 changes! CSETI's Dr. Joseph Burke's article gripping.. must read it again! In particular the "advice" of how CSETI actually "attracts" UFO's.. i.e.: CRAFT! If you see one, says the Doctor, don't stand there open mouthed.... signal it, if it's a

YE OLDIE NEWSPAPER REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS ESQ.



Woman's Own 22nd September turned up while sorting a file out... a "Do you believe in UFO's" article had actual sightings from lady readers... one who works for the "aviation authority", and gets calls from UFO percipients that usually involve 'rational explanations' although 'occasionally it's a mystery'... however SHE doesn't think there is 'anything out there we don't know about'... hhhmm !, now THERE's a crafty answer ! Another lady thinks people need something to believe in, suggests God and 'not little green men' !! What, THOSE again ? Anyone ever SEEN such ? Another reader suggests Ufologists should 'get a life' ! All together now !

The Daily Mail 'Night and Day' Sunday Review September 21st certainly did UFOlogy proud with no less than 21 pages on the Paranormal, almost entirely on the subject of UFO's. With articles entitled : The Unbelievable Truth, The Real X-Files, The Chic Space Pilot, The UFO Dossier, The Scottish Connection, plus a "free video" offer, this one was a MUST for your collection. Very few flaws in it's reporting, the odd "tongue in the cheek" flavor,

surprising to note X FILES Chris Carter only believing it all if an alien 'shook his hand'... although that's the moment when all doubt vanishes ! If your hand vanishes too you RUN !

The TIMES September 20th WAS a surprise, a copy I picked up that had been abandoned sported a rather sinister looking grey on the front cover of it's 10 - 15 magazine.. aimed at that age group.. although "journalistic license" had the aliens fingers complete with KNUCKLES whereas their limbs are reported as having no joints ! Jodie Foster's current film "Contact" featured, "Ace Slien Oddities" are all "novelty knickknacks".. a UFO Skywatch.. etc ... more "education" for the younger set ?

The Daily Mail 26th September was also a surprise as it's TV Critic Jaci Stephen's opinion of the new series 'The Uninvited', and alien possibilities in general, was rather scathing of those of us who, she said, have very little imagination and take refuge in easy to digest nonsense !

The Telegraph on the other hand carried a World Bulletin report of a 'Jet in near-miss with UFO over New York' headlined on the 27th September.. 'weather balloon' said the authorities of the 'elongated and white without wings' and 'spherical' description of the 747's pilots, the incident near the fatal crash of the TWA airliner in July last year. Both pilots rejected the 'balloon' explanation.

News of the World September 28th showed us a KGB archive UFO photo, one of 'dozens of pictures' it claimed, from the USSR, and one of those

alleged 'implants', the incidents courtesy of ex - BUFORA's Philip Mantle, quote : 'either aliens or something more sinister!'

In **October** and our own **Southern Daily Echo** did a thoughtful coverage of the forthcoming "Strange But True" Tv program on the 3rd.. which turned out to be a good program on the Bonneybridge hotspot with a couple of possible abductions included.

The People October 5th did us proud with dramatic excerpts from Nick Redfern's new book "A Covert Agenda", three whole pages beautifully presented with the leading 'Official.. They've Been Here' with documental proof. Yours truly is quoted in Nick's book which is the usual £16.99 and from Simon and Schuster Ltd who seem to have a monopoly on the paranormal !

Sunda Mail item from Steve, your editor, has a September 26 date but surely he hasn't given it to me for the dollybirds in next to nothing and a feller in a fig leaf pictures ? Nah ! 'Tis Bonnybridge councilor Billy Buchanan's spaced out disc aimed at the pop charts, the 'catchy chords' may turn him into a star..... it says here ! Subject : the weird and wonderful sightings at 'The UK's UFO Capital' It says here too ! The enterprising Billy plans a UFO Theme Park, too ! Enough to put paid any alien visits ?

Weekend Telegraph also highlights Bonnybridge... not quite so brashly !... in its November 15th issue.. that pop song again, "The Lights of Bonneybridge", well, what else could you call it ? That "Theme Park" will feature

'films, other evidence (?) and UFO style "rides". Some of us have already had THOSE ! Disturbing !

Daily Telegraph of November 16th has a serious scientific article on the power of mind over matter. America's Princeton University trials confirm this works, something we paranormals have known for donkey's years ! Still, if it keeps 'em happy, and well paid, and who knows, the theory of those aliens or whatever using "mind power" to control their craft and US could be part of this. Bet Area 51 are interested !

Mail On Sunday for November 23rd has a big cartoon featuring those "greys", inspecting a schoolboy human, landed on THEIR planet in a rocketship, as he says : 'Actually, I've absconded from Rugby'... thus being very topical !

Daily Telegraph and most other dailies etc feature an Adamski type "scoutship"... ask your Dad if you don't know what that is !... in huge adverts for National savings under the clever title "That's Incredible", in November.

Sunday Telegraph has regular third page article by Fortean Times Editor Paul Stevking on the paranormal.. the November 23rd issue features that "alien voice" broadcast of the 26th November 1977 which your humble scribbler is old enough to recall ! It remains, if suspiciously, a mystery, with all the "solutions" put forward, some of them opposite to each other but from the same source, Southern Tv, no one ever got fined

hovering and then vanishing exactly 48 hours after the broadcast (see Alien Encounters November) put a personally different complexion on things !

Daily Telegraph again... I'm chuffed I've swapped from the Independent !.. unknown November date, has Top Secret listening post GCHQ at Cheltenham director reshuffled to the Home Office... think about that !.. 'a big surprise' says Telegraph 'cos MI5, MI6, and GCHQ budgets are now under Treasury scrutiny ! Recent book on the secret UFO connections of GCHQ fascinating.. see previous newsletter... security guard had nervous breakdown after confronting an "alien" type figure leafing through top secret files in secured facility !

Sunday Telegraph.. again ! November 24th ... says Clinton might be a believer in UFO's after asking for evidence of such, also wanted to know truth of WHO assassinated John Kennedy ! 'Dead serious' says a spokesman and not satisfied with the answers so far ! Now ! Is he lying.. after all, he's a politician !.. is he working on a scam to disclose all, surprise surprise, or does he really NOT KNOW ? Vote catching maybe ? You guess !

Daily Mail letter page, November 24th, has Epsom, Surrey, reader who says Adamski pictures exposed as fakes, that Adamski himself committed suicide after the writer "proved" the stories

chest complaint after, or during, a world tour ! I wrote to the Mail pointing out the Coniston Old Man mountain top photos by two school boys certified genuine by Isle of Wight aeronautical engineer Leonard Cramp.. the craft had exactly same proportions etc etc as Adamski's.

Sunday Telegraph November 16th had long article on Stonehenge and that discovery of the wooden henge, beneath the stone circle and twice it's size. Cosmic events, dates, tied in with the building of Stonehenge and it's newly found cousin, point to the geometry being connected with cometary disasters, forecasts being confirmed currently in line with our ancient forebears methods.. simple but accurate, and 'early warning systems' long before our current technology. Not so clever, then are we ? Any connection, one wonders, with those circles in the vicinity ?

(A footnote from the editor regarding Adamski's death in the letter page Daily Mail 24th Nov..... After a bit of research by yours truly (Ed), George Adamski died in Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Maryland, US, between 9.30 - 10 p.m. on the 23rd November 1965 of a suspected heart attack. So readers, I wonder where the reader of the Mail got the idea from that Adamski committed suicide... I wonder if they felt guilty, that by exposing Adamski as a possible fake, he committed suicide some years later... I don't think so.. This reader did not check his

Press Release 27.10.97.**UFOKENT'97 - 'The Return'
- Butlins Grand Hotel,
Cliftonville, Margate.**

October 11th 1997 saw the launch of the largest UFO conference ever staged in the South East. This two day weekend bonanza starred Terry Le Rich Walters, one of the countries most powerful living psychics, who presented his amazing encounters with ETs, and his incredible experiences during a recent trip to Egypt with Robert Bauval.

The conference was presented by two UFO outlets, Astrasearch, and The East Kent UFO Research Unit, to promote Kent UFOlogy, and provide an opportunity for the public to listen to information packed lectures on a wide range of topics.

UFO groups from across the country were represented with their stands, and investigators supplied information on their activities, including research into the high percentages of Kent sightings during the year.

Speakers over the two days included Mervyn Newell (Co-Presenter of the conference) - *'Cattle Mutilations, Alien Brother or Big Brother'*. Michael Green (President and CO founder of the Center of Crop Circle Studies - *'Crop Circles - The Esoteric Message'*. Marcus Allen (Editor of Nexus Magazine) - *Investigation Of NASA's Moon Landing Photographs*. James Nickolls - *The Woodbridge UFO Crash*. Maxine Pearson - *Mind*

Control And Remote Viewing. Keith Wakelam - *Area 51 and Black Projects*. Ian Baillie - *The Physics of Immortality*.

On Sunday there was staged an open forum, with a panel of experts answering the audiences questions. The panel included Roy Lake (LUFOS), and a surprise guest Robert La-Mont, who will speaking at UFOKENT'98. Robert is about to have his book published 'The 19th Parallel' and will be showing exclusive footage of his Mexican experiences at next years conference. (3rd & 4th October 1998).

The presentation of the conference was enhanced by maximizing video and audio effects as a means of introduction to speakers, and this was well received by an enthusiastic audience of over five hundred during the weekend.

Once again, Butlins Grand Hotel will be offering a special package next year to those wishing accommodation, including two nights half board, admission to the conference plus Cabaret on Saturday night.

Clearly, the co-presenters, Astrasearch and East Kent UFO research Unit have established a major date in the UFO events calendar. The message to all our readers is pencil in your diary the 3rd & 4th October 1998. You cannot afford to miss it !!

All inquiries relating to the UFOKENT conferences please telephone - 01843 221015 or 01227 346291.

PHENOMENA SCOTLAND.
(The New SPI Journal).

**A MESSAGE FROM
MALCOLM ROBINSON.**

I am pleased to announce that as from October 1997, Strange Phenomena Investigations will again be represented in magazine form. As most of you will know, SPI published a very successful magazine which ran from 1989 till 1996, the magazine was called **ENIGMAS**. This was the voice box of our society. Subscribers came from as far a field as the Seychelles to Batley west Yorkshire. **ENIGMAS** was the "main" publication in Scotland which dealt with such matters as UFO's, ghosts, and other weird and wonderful phenomena.

After much thought, and some gentle persuasion, we are again stepping into the small press arena. Our journal will 'not' be called **ENIGMAS**, but has the 'new' title of, **"PHENOMENA SCOTLAND"**. This 'new' magazine aims to keep you abreast on matters relating to strange phenomena in Scotland which we hope will appeal to young and old alike. Our first issue will be at the reduced rate of £2.00, and I would ask if you are keen to see a copy, then please order yours today. Make all cheques and postal orders made payable to Malcolm Robinson and send to 29, Kent Road, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 2JN, U.K.

SPI's web page will still be in operation, we have no plans to scrap this, (the public need more information, not less !). Tell your friends about **PHENOMENA SCOTLAND**.

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Oxford Conference 97 (A Conference to Remember ?)

After a few weeks of ups and downs prior to our outing (one person broke their ankle, and others were still thinking about coming along), We only had 15 bums on a 24 seater coach. Out of these 15 people, only 4 were SUFOG members !!!!. The coach arrived at the first pick-up point at 8.30 am instead of 8.15 am (the Local driver, who only lived some 5 miles away said he had got lost !!!). When I got on board he said 'Where are we going then mate !!!'. He had no idea at all where he was going, so I had to get the map out (Which I had previously supplied a copy of to the coach company !). Thirteen met at the first the first pick up point and one people from Bournemouth did not turn up, so we now only had 14. We arrived arrived at the 2nd pick-up point some 15 Mins late, and waited 10 Mins.. But no one turnt up.. So we hit the road with only 13 people on the coach.

We arrived at Oxford at 10.15 am and raring to go (I was about ready to go home myself by now !!). I set up the Southampton UFO Groups stall and the room slowly filled up. In all, after speaking to Lionel Beer later in the day, we worked out there could only of been 90 - 100 people at the conference and 13 were from Southampton !!

All the speakers were very good indeed and I personally felt that Graham Birdsall's presentation (nearly 2hrs long) on UFOlogy from 1947 to date was excellent. He showed some very interesting recent footage

Lionel Beer, Graham Birdsall and I finally met up with another good friend, who I have been writing to for a number of years now, Mr. Dennis Plunkett of the British Flying Saucer Bureau, based in Bristol. I feel this is one of the good things about conferences, when you can meet old friends and good friends who you do not get to meet face to face. By late afternoon, the time scheduling was running late, and one of the speakers, Edward Ashpole, had not arrived. Busty Taylor took to the stage at 4 p.m. and gave a very good lecture (although this was the 4th time I personally had seen it !), but what was interesting was his round-up of slides depicting 1997 crop circle formations.

Suddenly 5 p.m. was upon us, and as the conference was due to finish at 5.15 p.m., I thought a quick Q & A session and away we would go.. But how I was wrong !! Suddenly, Edward Ashpole took to the stage to give his presentation. I went and spoke to the organizers who said that Edward Ashpole would give his talk and the Q & A's would follow. I went out to talk to the coach driver, who quit rightly said that the coach was booked only until 5 p.m. and we would have to go. So I went back in, and rounded-up everyone, who, were not very amused at this. We headed off back into the dark night and arrived back in Southampton at around 7.30 p.m.

This venture turnt out to be a disaster for the group. We had to pay £160 for the coach and with at £8.00 per seat, we had a short fall of £60, that had to come out of SUFOG club funds. We did sell £39.50 worth of goods (We also had to pay £10 for the table

heavily with the loss. With a combination of factors, with people not turning up and the apparent lack of interest shown by SUFOG members, the 1998 trip to Oxford is somewhat in jeopardy folks.

A Message From Malcolm Robinson.. Cont. from page 16.

We invite submissions to our journal on all aspects of strange phenomena. Please if possible, type your article, or preferably, put your article on 3.5" floppy disc. Letters, articles, and strange experiences, are welcomed by the Editor. If you have a story to tell, then tell it to us here at **PHENOMENA SCOTLAND**. Confidence can be assured if requested. **PHENOMENA SCOTLAND** aims to present the facts. **PHENOMENA SCOTLAND** aims to tell it as it is, with no frills, or airs and graces like in some mags !! **PHENOMENA SCOTLAND** will not be full of silly cartoons poking fun at other UFOlogists. We believe in good honest reporting of UFO and paranormal stories, not the 'mickey taking' of others.

PHENOMENA SCOTLAND aims to be at the forefront of Scottish UFO and paranormal research, and we want you, yes YOU to join us. Don't delay, subscribe today !! Order your copy now.

In the next edition of the newsletter, I will be publishing an article by Malcolm Robinson entitled - Hypnosis, is it a reliable tool to retrieve hidden subconscious

**Update of UFO reports in July-
August 1997 reported to
SUFOG.**

What follows is an update of sightings that I have investigated and letters of reply that I have received from certain letters to whom I wrote. To date, 1st November 1997, we have had no further reports reported to the group.

Letter 1 : Hampshire Constabulary.. R.J.Ruprecht (Air Support Manager) :

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 6th August, 1997, concerning your enclosed UFO reports.

The Hampshire police aircraft was airborne at the relevant time and location on 8th July, 1997.

The other two dates, the aircraft was not airborne in the relevant areas or times.

For information our aircraft displays three white strobe lights in a triangular pattern.

The tail strobe can be seen as red or white depending on the angle it is viewed from. In addition it carries the normal navigation lights, which can, in some circumstances be not visible from the ground because of the intensity of the white strobes.

Letter 2 : BAA Southampton (Airport) .. Martin Carroll (Manager ATS)...

Dear Mr. Gerrard,

I am replying to your letter of 6 August 1997. On checking our records I am able to confirm the following :

- a) On 8 and 10 July, at the times quoted, the airport was closed.
- b) On 9 July, at the time quoted (17:30) we had three departures between 1725 and 1735, two

Fokker 27s and a PA31 Navajo, all would have been over flying or passing Woolston between 1,500 - 2,500 FT, at which time some noise would have been evident due to their low altitude.

Letter 3 : Ministry of Defense .. Miss G.F.South..

Dear Mr. Gerrard,

1. Thank you for your letter of 6 August (received on 26 August) regarding three unexplained aerial sightings. This office is the focal point within the Ministry of Defense for correspondence relating to "UFO's" and I have been asked to reply.

2. First I should explain that the Ministry of Defense examines any reports of "unidentified flying objects" it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defense

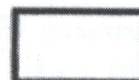
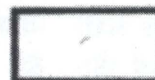
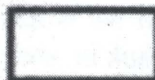
significance : namely, whether there is any evidence that the UK Air Defense Region might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorized foreign military activity.

3. Unless there is evidence of a potential military threat, and to date no "UFO" report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind aerial identification service.

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SUFOG Post Xmas Draw....

Here's your chance to win 2 video tapes in our post Christmas draw (I ran out of time to produce it sooner... !!). Below are your lucky 3 numbers. If you want to take part in the draw to take place at our next public lecture on the 8th March 1998, then please send a postal order or cheque for £1.50 to the editorial address. The closing date for entries is the 1st March 1998.



- 1st Prize : 2 - 3hr UFO video's of the editors choice.
- 2nd Prize : 1hrs video and an audio tape of the editors choice.
- 3rd prize : 2 audio tapes (C90) of the editors address.

Please send all cheques/postal orders (Made payable to S.Gerrard) to the editorial address.

SUFOG NEWSLETTER

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"A COVERT AGENDA"**Author :****Nicholas Redfern.****Publishers :****Simon and Schuster.****Price : £16.99**

Nicholas ("Nick") Redfern's 354 page hardback dropped into my eager hands around it's publication date at the end of October... having seen an excerpt in the Sunday People recently gave some idea of it's main thrust, the very detailed and undeniable page after page of official documents that Nick Redfern has spent dedicated years in accumulating. The book leaves one with the sense of wonder that no one in officialdom has had the guts to tell us the truth that we are actually entitled to, that is, 'structured craft' have been invading our air space and defenses for many more years than the average person suspects, displaying a technology way beyond that which we possess.

If the truth deserves it, this book will lift off the covers of secrecy via public demand. Standout items include the sighting of a 600ft 'discus shaped, metallic grey' object off the Isle of Wight in 1956, involving attempted intercept by two RAF fighters, and a "face to face" confrontation as the unknown craft stopped and waited for the jets, then streaked away at a later estimated speed of 18,000 mph ! Then those filmed and photographed huge craft that "spied" on Operation Mainbrace, a vast NATO military exercise in the North Atlantic in 1952, the "disappearance" of said film and

intelligence authorities.

The squadron of RAF Tornados "overtaken" by a UFO over the North Sea in 1990... 'No defense significance' was the MOD's 'answer' !.. and not least, the "denials" and "evasions" by the MOD etc, or "explanations", such as the "toy balloons" and the newspaper Editor "silenced" by being read the Official Secrets Act over his article !

Author Redfern believes that there is an active alien presence on Earth, and that "official" confirmation of this will soon be forthcoming ! My own experiences over some sixty years, one of which is featured in "A Covert Agenda", leads me to concur with Nick's conclusion, which he arrived at after more than two decades of diligent research. Discovering, in the search, that the much vaunted "Freedom of Information Act", (currently suspiciously "delayed" in updating by the current Government in spite of election promises !) not only hides information for 30 years, but also 50, 75, and 100 years ! The question must be, WHAT needs to be hidden for 100 years ?

"A Covert Agenda" will surely be another best seller from the "paranormal publishers" Simon and Schuster !

Reviewed by Ernie Sears

Live Tv Interview 11 Nov. 97.

Some week or so ago, your editor was contacted by The Y-Files (Shown on Cable Tv), and I was asked if I knew of any Ghost/UFO stories in my area that would make a good story. I

area in the 1960' - 1980's, and myself. This was agreed to and arrangements made. We meet the film crew in a local country park on Southampton water and they set the camera up on what was the remains of a jetty, used to carry wounded soldiers from in the 1st/2nd world wars, to a military hospital that has long gone, but the chapel remains as a memorial.

I was first to be interviewed, and against the backdrop of Southampton water, I spoke of my involvement in UFOlogy, the Southampton UFO Group, and my UFO sightings in 1983 and further sightings. After this, it was Ernie Sears turn, and he related some of his sightings to camera and some of his amazing experiences that he has had in the past 70 or so years of his life. Ernie's interview did not go as smooth as mine, as they had to stop filming due to background noises as well as competing with the sun every so often playing peeping tom from behind the odd one or two clouds.

We were told, that the item would be shown around 4 weeks after filming, so, although it may of been shown by the time you get this newsletter, I will show it at a group meeting. we spent 3hrs in the company of the film crew, for a program that will only last for around 15 Mins !!!!

This was a very interesting experience and one that I found enjoyable and although 3hrs of filming seems somewhat of a long time, the time just seemed to fly by. So, now that your editor will be famous and a Tv celebrity, I have produced a signed photo

**Transcript of radio conversation between
Derek Jameson & Philip Mantle on
BUFORA Hotline 8.5.89.**

(D.J - Derek Jameson : P M - Philip Mantle)

DJ - Hot weather means clear skies, doesn't it. Have you seen any mysterious lights in the sky lately. Could, could it be one of those UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects). A UFO Hot-Line could provide the answer to your questions. It is run by Philip Mantle. He's a printer in Batley, Yorkshire and a credited investigator for BUFORA. Phillips on the line to tell us more. Good morning Phillips.

PM - Good Morning.

DJ - Why did you decide to set up a hotline ?

PM - Well, one of the problems we have in UFO research, is that when people make an observation that they cannot readily explain, more often than not, they don't know who to report it to in the first place.

DJ - Right.

PM - Sometimes they will go to their local police, their local newspaper, something of that nature. But, what we really want is for them to come to us.

DJ - And to have some kind of scientific basis to it.

PM - That's correct, yes, we can offer on numerous occasion's an explanation for what they have seen, but there are the occasion's when we can't.

DJ - When they go to the police, they think they're drunk you know.

PM - Well, yes sometimes. Yes it depends on the individual police officers concerned.

DJ - Right. How many calls have you had so far ?

PM - Well, we've had over three hundred calls, in the two years since the hot line was put into operation. These calls have come from all over the country and from people of all walks of life.

DJ - Wonderful. Is any pattern emerging at all Philip ?

PM - Um, there's no set pattern, but for some reason that we are not sure of, it would seem that what happens is we have a spate of calls which we term a flap.

DJ - Mmmm.

PM - That basically means we have a tremendous amount of calls perhaps in one restricted area and then all of a sudden, they just die off again.

DJ - Yeah, have you had a flap with the better weather lately ?

PM - Um, well it's just started, we may have, but were not sure, not as yet.

DJ - Yeah, are you able quickly to tell what is a genuine mysterious sighting and what has a simple explanation ?

PM - On a lot of occasion's we can, straight away say yes it is / was an airplane.

DJ - Mmmmm.

PM - An astronomical object, satellite etc. This just comes with experience and perhaps a knowledge of the airports, aircraft and of course astronomy. Then on occasion's we are left with the odd one or two reports that still leave us quit baffled.

DJ - Is that a small percentage ?

PM - It is a very small percentage.

DJ - Yeah.

PM - It is a lot smaller than some people could imagine.

DJ - What's the most interesting sighting that you have come across ?

PM - Well me personally, this goes back to 1980, in the summer and we had a nice summer that year as well, for a short while. It was at a place called

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Normington, which lies just outside the city of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, where a lady, a middle aged lady, and five children, in lovely broad daylight, observed a dome-shaped object, land in a field, adjacent to where they lived. Also they observed three what they described as very tall men in white baggy suits, emerge from this thing and it was totally silent, both on landing and taking off. The lady was a local colliers wife who wanted no publicity, was of sound mind etc etc...

DJ - Yeah and six witnesses there ...

PM - That's correct, yes.

DJ - Is any information on UFOs available on public records ?

PM - Yes, recently we have obtained a number of documents from the public records office that have surfaced under the thirty years rule. Some of these documents were letters / correspondence from the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. Other documents were of sightings made by RAF personnel and of radar tracking's of unknown objects etc...

DJ - Yeah. What's your personnel belief Philip ?

PM - Well, I don't have a belief as such, it's not a belief orientated subject as far as I am concerned. I have no belief what the UFO phenomenon represents. All I know is, there's a phenomenon there, which I believe is worthy of further study.

DJ - Yeah, because of course the UFO research association, of which you are a key member, you take yourselves very seriously don't you. I always treat it as bit of a lark. I say I definitely believe there is something out there. For you it's serious businesses.

PM - Yes, it is a very serious subject. There are light hearted moments in it and there are a number of cranks involved with the subject unfortunately. But yes, we do treat it very seriously indeed.

PM - Yes, that's right. The little green men sort of scenario is a very small part of the whole subject. It's just one theory that is usually in the newspapers, because it's more romantic.

DJ - Yeah.

PM - But there are many many more theories to try and explain the phenomena, all of which could be true.

DJ - Well Philip, would you like to be deluged with phone calls ?

PM - Yes we would.

DJ - Would you like me to give your number ?

PM - That would be fine.

DJ - For anybody who has sighted, and we do stress that this is serious and we don't want a load of nonsense. But anybody who feels that they have seen something, that defies explanation, Philip Mantle and the UFO Research Association would love to hear from you. I'll give the phone number Philip, tell me if I've got it right 0924 (That's the STD for Batley) 0924 444049. Is that correct Philip ?

PM - Yes, that's correct.

DJ - 0924 444049. Well, we'll get in touch with you in a couple of weeks time, and see how your getting on Philip, whether you've had a lot of calls.

PM - Well thank you very much.

DJ - And thanks for talking to us this morning.

PM - Bye bye now.

Coming up in the next edition of the SUFOG Newsletter.

A letter from Astrasearch (Kent).
Follow-up radio transcript with Philip Mantle.
Malcolm Robinson book review : A Covert

Group Meeting Report for Sunday 23rd November 1997.

Well, where do I start.... I suppose with the number of people that attended. But first, thank you to Andy, Bill and Jim for letting me know they couldn't make the meeting due to illness etc. Then of course, I must thank those that attended, to all 3 of you. Yes, that's right, 3 people attended the meeting, the worst turn out since the meetings started over a year ago.

Due to the small turnout, we closed the meeting at 8 p.m., and retired to my home, where, quit frankly, we had a great meeting and a very interesting discussion on UFOlogy and ghosts. This means yet again, the group has lost money from a meeting, and if it goes on, then the group funds will be zero in 1998 and we will be unable to hold public or group meetings again.....

On the 26th November, myself and group member Bill Smith had a small get together and we came up with the following idea's...

a. The Post Xmas Draw.

b. In 1998, we are planning to go to a car boot sale in an effort to raise funds for the group. If anyone is interested in maybe donating items to sell or even coming along with their car, then please get in touch. All proceeds are to go to club funds. Details in the February edition of the newsletter.

c. A new shop, the Forbidden Planet has opened in Southampton selling such things as Star Trek memorabilia, UFO models, UFO material etc and I

hope to be approaching them before Christmas in a vague hope of either promotion or advertising for the group. If you live in or near Southampton, the shop is in the East Street Shopping Center opposite Tandy's. I will update you in a future newsletter on how we get on.

The group now has its own video recorder. My thanks go to Bill Smith, who let the group buy the video recorder for the moderate price of £30.00. So, at further group meetings and lectures, we will be able to show video footage. Thanks Bill.....

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It would be inappropriate use of defense resources if we were to do so.

4. With regards to your particular observations, I have looked back through our sighting report files and have found that the MoD did not receive any "UFO" reports from the Hampshire region for either 8, 9 or 10 July 1997.

It seems that the sighting on the 8th July, may we have been the Police Spotter plane that was in the air at the relevant times (Letter No.2), and the descriptions certainly fit the sighting, so I think we can safely close this report. But, as for the sightings on the 9th and 10th of July, these seem to still be unexplained and may well remain that way and be classed as an 'Unidentified Flying Object', but possibly more of

the terrestrial kind rather than the non-extraterrestrial kind....

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ET craft, it will interact and return the signal ! Wish I'd thought of that on any ONE of mine... maybe my mouth stayed open ! My mind WORKED, though ! All easier said than done ! Southend UFO Group did a skywatch at... wait ! Rendlesham Forest ! Saw an "unidentified" too.. no answers ! Convincing... but where else, if you've read "Left at East Gate" etc ! plus, Essex Sightings, controversial 1997 US "Project Pounce" that claims to 'shoot down a UFO once every day ! Only the 'unfriendly ones' ! £1.50, 22 Woodfield Park Drive, Leigh On Sea, SS9 1LW...

(Just a foot note to add regarding the alleged 'Project Pounce', The United States of America must have one of the largest UFO scrap metal works in the whole universe if they are shooting down a UFO once a day.... Was this event captured on the Discovery footage alleged showing a possible laser fired from earth attacking 'UFO's' that seem to take evasive action... it seems to me, that either someone is having a big laugh, or if the US has got a 'UFO' scrap yard, then where would it be.... Area 51 and if so, do the alleged 'UFO's' seen there, just visiting to get 'Spare Parts' for their UFO's.... Another Black Budget in America... ED).....